

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF
LICENSURE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 15, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure of Marriage and Family Therapists was held at the Division of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky at 9:30 a.m., on March 15, 2007.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Anthony Watkins, Board Chair
Ms. Stephanie Head, Vice Chair
Louis J. Twyman, Treasurer
Dr. Delbert Hayden

OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS

Claude Wagner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Melissa Wade
Dr. Leonard Knight, Vice Chair
Ms. Eileen Durbin

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Rankin, KAMFT
Diane Schuler Fleming, Office of the Attorney General

Call to Order

Mr. Watkins called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Twyman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2007 meeting with amendments. Dr. Hayden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Financial Statement

Mr. Wagner handed out a 5 year analysis of the MFT Board budget. He reported that the Board has been in a downward trend, and that while there was a positive cash balance, if the money spent versus the money brought in continued in the same manner, the Board would have a deficit within 8 years. Mr. Wagner asked the Board to be aware of the situation and that he would be working with the Board to rectify the situation. Mr. Rankin, representing the KAMFT, asked if the Board would consider a fee for Continuing Education approval submissions. Mr. Watkins thanked him for the suggestion and stated that he would take that into consideration.

Following the discussion, and review of the financial statement, Mr. Twyman made a motion to approve the financial statement. Ms. Head seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director's Report

Mr. Wagner brought forth a discussion regarding discontinuing the on-line pocket cards and having a more detailed on-line licensure verification. This would cut down on expenses by no longer paying a third-party vendor to print the cards and not having to pay postage. Following discussion, Mr. Twyman made a motion to do away with the pocket licensure cards and to use the on-line licensure verification system. Dr. Hayden seconded the motion. The motion carried. This does not take effect immediately and all licensees will be notified of the change prior to its inception.

New Business

Ms. Head made the motion to approve the invoice submitted by AMFTRB for the Board's membership. Dr. Hayden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Watkins asked the Board what their feelings were with regard to a Board retreat this year. He said that if they felt that one would be beneficial and wanted to hold it at a state park that they should begin making plans. Following discussion, Dr. Hayden made a motion that if there were matters that needed to be worked on by the Board in a retreat type setting, that the retreat be held in Frankfort. Ms. Head seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business

The Board reviewed correspondence from Mr. Leigh Conner. Mr. Conner was concerned about the "tone" in the letter he'd received from Ms. Fleming, on behalf of the Board. He felt that he had complied with what the Board had asked of him and asked for confirmation of that, in writing. Dr. Hayden made a motion that Ms. Kyler send Mr. Conner a letter, on behalf of the Board, stating that he indeed complied with the Board's request and the matter was considered to be resolved. Ms. Head seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Correspondence from Mr. Charles Cox was reviewed. Mr. Cox had responded to the Board's request for additional information with regard the application for reinstatement that Mr. Cox had previously submitted for Board review and approval. Following discussion, Mr. Twyman made a motion that the Board's attorney, Ms. Fleming, draft a letter and agreed order for Mr. Cox to review. The motion also stated that these terms were not negotiable and that if Mr. Cox chose not to accept them that his license would not be reinstated. Dr. Hayden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion with regard to the final review of regulation changes was table until the April 19, 2007 meeting in hopes that all members of the Board would be able to attend the meeting and participate in the review and discussion.

Discussion with regard to reviewing the application forms was tabled until the April 19, 2007 meeting in hopes that all members of the Board would be able to attend the meeting and participate in the review and discussion.

Mr. Rankin was asked if he'd had the opportunity to discuss the possibility of the Board requiring criminal background checks as a condition of licensure. He reported that with the recent KAMFT spring conference that he hadn't been able to do that. Mr. Rankin reported that he still intended to do that and would report his findings to the Board when it had been done.

Board members were reminded to submit their registration for the Ethics workshop to be held in Louisville and Lexington in April.

A report from Mr. Watkins and Ms. Head with regard to the discussions KAMFT held with their constituents about guidelines for supervision that had been proposed by the Board was tabled until the April 19, 2007 meeting in hopes that all members of the Board would be able to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

Complaints

A motion was made by Ms. Head to go into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (c) to discuss matters of potential litigation at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Hayden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

In the Humphreys matter, Ms. Fleming reported to the Board that she had received the signature page of the Settlement Agreement from Mr. Humphreys and that she had contacted his attorney with regard to the rest of the pages.

04-040, 04-050, and 04-060 – Mr. Underwood requested a few minor changes with the settlement agreement. Dr. Knight made the motion that Ms. Fleming incorporate those changes into the agreement and submit it to Mr. Underwood for his signature. Mr. Twyman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

05-030 – Upon review, the Board stood by its January 18, 2007 decision to dismiss the case. Attorney to file Sua Sponte Motion to Dismiss.

06-008 – Awaiting written KBI investigative report.

A motion was made by Dr. Hayden at 12:10 to come out of executive session. Mr. Twyman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Mr. Twyman motioned the Board to approve the following applications as submitted:

Associate License Renewals

The following Associate Permit renewal application(s) were approved: Katie Brown, Tonya Clay, Carla Combs, Marvin Fortune, Jonathan Lee, Allison Loaring-Clark, Shane Lindsay, Judy Maddox, Jacqueline Peterson, James L. Vester, and John Wood.

Associate Application Review

The following application(s) for Associate Licensure were approved: Shelly Leigh Diebel, Brent Ketring, Camille Peterson, Jamie Waddle, and Jennifer Wells. The following application(s) for Associate Licensure were denied: Wei Ling-Ju Lin.

Audited Renewals

The following Audited Renewal application(s) were approved: Andrew Arthur, Carol J. Cook, Joseph William Dvorak, and Vera Gail Pruitt.

Supervision Contract Review

The following Supervision Contract(s) were approved: Marilyn Feather, Deborah Lynn Messenger, Jennifer Schiller and James Vester.

Inactive Status Review

No requests for inactive licensure status received.

Licensure Reinstatement Review

The following Licensure Reinstatement application(s) were approved: Dana N. Christensen and Rosella Catlett Yousef.

Therapist License Review

The following Therapist Licensure application(s) were approved: John L. Bond, Joseph Carlton, Leslye Hunter, and Michelle Stillwagon.

Continuing Education

The following application(s) Continuing Education programs were approved:

- CHFS, Division of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services – Ending the Violence – 16-24 hours
- Cross Country Education – Self-Mutilation Behavior in Youth and Adults: Causes Treatment and Prevention – 6 hours
- Cross Country Education – Nutrition and Diet Therapy for ADD and ADHS – 6 hours
- Cross Country Education – Psychopharmacology and Psychotherapy: Ethical Considerations for the Clinical Practitioner – 6 hours
- Cliffview Retreat and Conference Center – Pregnancy Loss and Unresolved Grief – 6.5
- LifeSkills, Inc. – Play Therapy with Traumatized Children – 6 hours
- Bluegrass Regional MH-MR Board, Inc. – Client Engagement – 3 hours
- Bluegrass Regional MH-MR Board, Inc. – Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS: From Research to Practice) – Up to 10.5
- Bluegrass Regional MH-MR Board, Inc. – Risk Management – 3 hours
- Kentucky Christian University School of Nursing – Ethics: Clinical and Research Issues in the Helping Professions
- RiverValley Behavioral Health – Effective Interaction with Children with ADHA – 2 hours
- RiverValley Behavioral Health – Choosing to Heal Conference – 6 hours
- RiverValley Behavioral Health – Drug Awareness: Signs that your children are using drugs, and way to keep kids off drugs – 2 hours
- PESI – Dialectical Behavior Therapy – 7.5 hours
- KAASWG – Using Solution Focused Techniques in Groups – 4 hours
- Kentucky Autism Training Center – Autism Institute 2007 – Up to 19 hours
- Spalding University – The Ethics of Caring: Health Care Clinicians at Risk – 3 hours
- The Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute – Human Development – 15 hours
- The Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute – Dream Analysis II – 15 hours
- The Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute – Transference and Countertransference II – 15 hours
- The Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute – Love and Relationships – 15 hours
- The Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute – Human Development in Adolescence – 15 hours
- The Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute – Psychomatic Disorders – 15 hours
- The Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute – Psychoanalytic Understanding of Loss – 15 hours
- The Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute – Psychomatics II – 15 hours
- Craig F. McCluney, LMFT – Ethical Decisions in Social Work Practice (online course)

The motion to approve applications as submitted was seconded by Ms. Head. The motion carried.

Board Administrator Report

Number of LMFTs in March 2006 – 445

Number of LMFTs in March 2007 – 447

Number of MFT Associates in March 2006 – 101

Number of MFT Associates in March 2007 – 112

Exam Scores had been received. Kentucky had 9 candidates sit for the exam. 7 passed, 2 failed.

Scheduled Meetings

The next meeting date is Thursday, April 19, 2007. Committee's begin at 8:30 a.m. Board meeting to begin at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, KY.

Examination Dates

2007 Exam dates are as follows:

May 21 – June 16, 2007

September 17 – October 13, 2007

Additional Business

No additional business was brought forth for discussion.

Approval of Travel and Per Diem

Mr. Twyman made a motion to approve travel and per diem for members attending today's meeting. Dr. Hayden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Having no further business to be brought before the board, Mr. Twyman moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Hayden seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

APPROVED

Prepared by Carolyn Kyler
March 19, 2007